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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ANTHRAX SPORES IN PAKISTANI YARN  
PRODUCTS

REF: ISLAMABAD 1567

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ON FEBRUARY 6 AND 9, THE U.S.  
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION ANNOUNCED VOLUNTARY RE-  
CALLS OF BALLS OF YARN CONTAINING ANIMAL HAIR (E.G., CAMELS  
AND GOATS BUT NOT SHEEP) THAT MAY BE CONTAMINATED WITH  
ANTHRAX SPORES. THE FEB. 6 ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNED IMPORTS  
BY TAHKI IMPORTS, INC., OF NEW JERSEY, OF ABOUT 5,000 POUNDS  
OF VARIOUS MIXED ANIMAL/SYNTHETIC YARNS FROM SAFRAZ BROS.  
OF LAHORE. THE FEB. 9 ANNOUNCEMENT COVERED 15,000 POUNDS  
OF SIMILAR YARN IMPORTED BY CREATIVE HANDWEAVERS INC., OF  
LOS ANGELES, FROM THE SAME SOURCE. THE LATTER ANNOUNCEMENT  
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INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "THE COMMISSION LEARNED

OF THE CONTAMINATION BY THE DEATH OF A 31-YEAR OLD WEAVER  
IN MORRO BAY, CALIF., IN LATE JANUARY." COPIES OF CPSC  
PRESS RELEASES BEING POUCHED. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LOU. U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE HAS NOT "IM-  
POUNDED" THESE PRODUCTS (PARA 2 REFTTEL), THOUGH CPSC DID

CONTACT PHS'S CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL IN ATLANTA, WHICH  
ALERTED STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO THE POSSIBLE HAZARD.  
ONLY PRODUCT IN WHICH ANTHRAX SPORES HAVE BEEN DETECTED IS  
BLENDED ANIMAL HAIR YARN NOTED IN PARA 1; THERE IS NO  
INDICATION THAT WOOL CARPETS AND RUGS ARE INVOLVED. WILL  
KEEP YOU INFORMED. END LOU. INGERSOLL

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